

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended, and new Claims 59-62 have been added. Support for the para-substituted monomers is found on page 11, lines 3-10 of the WO published application. Support for embodiment wherein R_F is OCF₂CF₂ is found on page 20, Example 1, of the WO published application. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, the pending claims will be 1-4, and 59-62.

Claims 5-19, 31, 32, 34-36, and 48-49 have been withdrawn from consideration.
Claims 20-30, 33, 37-47 and 50-58 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lu et al. (CN 1349962) or Lu et al (CN 1346707). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claims have been amended to set forth the features wherein the monomer is para-substituted and/or has an oxygen linkage to the aromatic ring, neither of which is disclosed by Lu '962 or Lu '707.

The claimed monomers are more stable than those disclosed in Lu '962 or Lu '707, and accordingly, are patentably distinct.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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